

and He gives certain directions as it is necessary to get that particular thing done. But in most cases it is His will that we use the intelligence that we have and we live so closely to Him that He can lead us with His eye and a cause that the results of our work will be what He wants.

So the govt., then, of the church universal is a matter of the individuals relation to Christ and of the activities of the Holy Spirit, but there are aspects of it which it would be rather strange if they could be carried out without more of a definite external relationship among members of the body of Christ.

And so we ask the question, is it His will simply that we cooperate on a free-going basis with one another, or that there be in addition to an organism, that there actually be an organization. That there be a working together of individuals in an organized fashion. And that leads us to 3, what is a visible church. Number 2 was the church universal, number 3 is what is a visible church.

Now, I ~~said~~ said, the church universal and I said a visible church. The word a visible church does not deny the possibility of saying that there is one, a visible, the visible church. But it also admits the possibility of saying here is a visible church and here is another visible church. And we must say that in the Scripture we find that the ~~visible~~ term church is used in a sense for the church universal, as we have noticed, particularly in Matthew and in Ephesians and Colossians and the ideas used in Peter and in Hebrews, even apart from the word, very definitely. But we find the same word, ecclesia, used in the N.T. in a sense which is quite definitely different. And when we use it in the plural, it is very clearly different from what is my church, the church that I will build. The word is then used in a sense to indicate a group of people meeting together, or a group of people in one area. There is no question of those two possible shades of meaning of the word, used particularly in Acts and in Corinthians. The church of Rome, the church at Ephesus, the church that meets in thy house, then the churches throughout Asia. Not the church throughout Asia, but the churches throughout Asia. The